

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

National day of the cowboy.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart, Bonner,
Brechtel, Byrd, Cannady, Gay, Reeder and
Stubson and Senator(s) Anderson, Coe,
Jennings and Landen

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress and the Wyoming
2 governor to designate the fourth Saturday in July as
3 "National Day of the Cowboy".

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5 WHEREAS, pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped
6 establish America's frontiers; and

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8 WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender,
9 generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries and political
10 affiliations; and

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12 WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,
13 compassion and determination; and

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1 WHEREAS, the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and
2 strength of character; and

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4 WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and
5 its creatures; and

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7 WHEREAS, the core values of the cowboy inspire the pursuit
8 of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

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10 WHEREAS, cowboy traditions have been part of the American
11 landscape and culture since 1523 and today's cowboys and
12 cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this
13 unique element of America's heritage; and

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15 WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of
16 the economy through the work of approximately six hundred
17 fifty-six thousand (656,000) ranches in all fifty (50)
18 states; and

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20 WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds thirty million
21 (30,000,000) fans worldwide; and

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23 WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day
24 of the Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society,

1 Working Ranch Rodeo Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting
2 Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo
3 Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, Women's Pro
4 Rodeo, the Western Music Association, American Cattlemen's
5 Association, United States Team Roping Champions and other
6 organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy
7 continues to expand both nationally and internationally;
8 and

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10 WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in
11 literature, art, film, poetry, photography and music; and

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13 WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a
14 central place in the public's imagination; and

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16 WHEREAS, the late United States Senator Craig Thomas
17 sponsored legislation in the United States Congress in
18 2005, 2006 and 2007 making the last Saturday in July the
19 National Day of the Cowboy in each of those years; and

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21 WHEREAS, a National Day of the Cowboy has been designated
22 by the United States Congress every year since Senator
23 Thomas first sponsored the legislation; and

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1 WHEREAS, the late Senator Craig Thomas personified the core
2 values and character celebrated on the National Day of the
3 Cowboy.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
6 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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8 **Section 1.** That the members of the legislature of the
9 state of Wyoming express support for designation by the
10 United States Congress of the fourth Saturday in July a
11 National Day of the Cowboy, and encourage the people of the
12 United States to observe the day with appropriate
13 ceremonies and activities.

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15 **Section 2.** That the members of the legislature of the
16 state of Wyoming express support for designation by the
17 governor of the fourth Saturday in July the "Wyoming Day of
18 the Cowboy" and encourage the people of Wyoming to observe
19 the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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2 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
3 transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of
4 Wyoming, the President of the United States, to the
5 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives of the United States Congress and to the
7 Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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